

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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UTILISING HERBS IN MAHARASHTRA
Chaure Shri Bapu Hari

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made efforts to discover or study herbs found in the forests of Maharashtra ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and ;
- (c) the details of private and public sector units established for utilizing the same in Maharashtra ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): The Botanical Survey of India, Western Circle, Pune has undertaken floristic survey of the State and published the State Flora of Maharashtra in three volumes. According to the survey report, there are about 4000 species of flowering and about 450 species of medicinally important plants in Maharashtra.

(c): There are 677 Pharmacies of Ayurveda in Maharashtra including 3 in public and 674 in the private sector as on 1.4.2004.